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As President of the Victorian Soccer Federation I am very happy to extend a hearty welcome to the officials and players of the Legia Football Club of Warsaw for their game against Victoria.

This is the first occasion that a Polish soccer club has toured Australia and I feel sure that the many thousands of Polish people throughout Australia will derive great pleasure in seeing the stars of Legia in action.

The Victorian team have met many illustrious overseas opponents in the past and have given of their best, and the game against Legia will be no exception.

To both sides I wish every success and to the Legia club may your stay in Australia be a memorable one.

T. MARMARAS, M.B.E., J.P.,
President Victorian Soccer Federation.

It is a pleasure to record a few of the highlights of soccer during the past year and to take a look forward to the future. The visit of the famous Legia Football Club of Warsaw makes it a most appropriate occasion for such a review.

Without doubt the supreme achievement in 1974 was that of the 'Socceroos' in reaching the World Cup Finals held in West Germany and this focused the spotlight on soccer throughout Australia. No praise is too high for their efforts.

During 1974 Victoria recorded its second victory over an overseas club when they defeated English League side Bristol Rovers; they also emerged with credit against Hungarian side Ferancvaros.

The agreement between the Victorian Soccer Federation and GTV9 to televise live a weekly State League Championship game proved successful. For the players there were added incentives to be won such as the Chrysler car donated by Frankston Chrysler.

Sponsorship for soccer came into its own in 1974. Ampol, who have been with soccer for the past two decades, were joined in force by Rothmans, who now sponsor both the State and Metropolitan League Championships along with the cup competitions. Canberra TV, for the second year, sponsored Victoria's premier knockout competition, the Dockerty Cup, and Courage Breweries with a Top Goal Scorers Award.

Publicity is the means by which soccer in Victoria must fully expend itself on and only a determined effort by all concerned will bring forth the reward of recognition that will surely come in its wake.

Along with the coverage on television by Channel 9 the daily and weekly newspapers from all sections have greatly increased their content of local soccer news during the past year. Overseas televised games on both Channel 7 and Channel 2 have also been contributors in making the public aware of soccer.

During 1975 the public eye will be turned more than ever on the State and Metropolitan League clubs. With the now established Australian Soccerpools the playing form of those clubs on the coupons will be dissected to a degree never before experienced by soccer clubs in Australia.The clubs involved will benefit enormously from the exposure.

Another first for Victorian soccer was the cash grant received from State Government, through the Minister of Youth, Sport and Recreation, for coaching and instructional purposes.

The growth of juniors in Victorian soccer is literally bursting at the seams. The juniors are the grass roots of the game and it was a pleasure in 1974 to witness the Victorian Under 16s so convincingly become Australian Champions when they defeated New South Wales in Perth. They proved that Victorian youngsters are amongst the best soccer prospects in the country.

It is fitting that these few highlights be concluded with the youngsters, as it is my firm belief that in them Victorian soccer will go from strength to strength.

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Goalkeepers

MOWLIK Piotr—The current Polish International goalkeeper. Born 21.4.51.

LACHOWICZ Marian—Reserve keeper, very stylish. Born 25.3.52.

OLSZKO Jacek—Polish Junior International. Born 10.9.55.

Defenders

TOPOLSKI Adam—Polish Youth International. Born 25.12.51.

TUMINSKI Waldemar—Polish Youth International. Born 15.2.53.

CYPKA Tadeusz—Polish U.23 International. Born 9.7.52.

KRAJEWSKI Krysztof—Polish U.23 International. Born 6.12.53.

NIEDZIOLKA Falika—Married. Born 22.1.45.

CMIKIEWICZ Leslaw—Polish International with 41 Caps and an Olympic Gold Medallist. Born 10.1.46.

Mid-Fielders

DEYNA Kazimierz—Captain of Poland with 65 Caps. Scored both goals in 2–1 defeat of Hungary, Olympic Final 1972. Voted by experts equal best player with Franz Beckenbauer and Johann Cruyff) in 1974 World Cup Finals. Born 23.10.47.

PACOCHA Wieslaw—Half-back. Born 1.12.53.

BIALAS Stefan—Half-back. Born 8.12.48.

PIESZKO Jan—Half-back. Born 5.2.42.

ADMUS Adam—Half-back. Born 17.6.49.

JAGIELLO Jerzy—Half-back. Born 7.12.51.

Forwards

GADOCHA Robert—One of the world's finest wingers. Voted Poland's Player of the year 1974. Capped 63 times and also Gold Medallist. Born 10.1.46.

NOWAK Tadeusz—Polish International. Born 28.11.48.

DABROWSKI—Striker. Born 21.9.47.

KWAPISZ Bogdan—Striker. Born 6.10.53.

NOWACKI Zbigniew—Polish Youth International. Born 21.1.52.

Coach is Mr **Jaroslav VEJVODA**, who was coach of Dukla Prague for many years, and assistant coach is Mr **Lucjan BRYCHCZY**, who played 60 times for Poland.

Forwards

BULJEVIC Branko—J.U.S.T. Played in all three of Australia's World Cup matches in Germany. Clever player with a deceptively-lazy looking style.

SAVAGE Andy—HELLAS. Andy played for Clyde in Scotland and then in Hong Kong before joining Hellas.

WILLIAMSON Phil—RINGWOOD CITY. Edinburgh-born Phil is a dashing winger.

ARMSTRONG Jimmy—SOUTH MELBOURNE-HELLAS. Jimmy is the idol of the Hellas fans. Last year he was the top goalscorer in Victoria and scored the winning goal against Bristol Rovers.

Coach **BOGGI Tony**—FITZROY-ALEXANDER.

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MILISAVJEVIC Jim—J.U.S.T. The cat-like Jimmy was converted from Australian Rules to become one of Australia's top goalies. Was a member of the World Cup squad in Germany.

KASTNER Lou—GEORGE CROSS. The George Cross supporters rate Lou very highly.

Defenders

PYE Mike—RINGWOOD CITY. Manchester-born Mike is a dashing full-back in the Mike Pejic mould.

BANNON Vince—FITZROY-ALEXANDER. Rugged back who came from Scottish Junior ranks and won the Rothman's Gold Medal in his first season here. Australian U.23 International.

BANNON Pat—FITZROY-ALEXANDER, very cool, he emulated his brother by winning the Rothman's Gold Medal in 1974.

McCOMBE Steve—SLAVIA. Strong centre-half, Steve played for South Liverpool before coming to Slavia last year.

WALKER Steve—SOUTH MELBOURNE-HELLAS. Glasgow-born Steve, popular captain of Hellas, plays an attacking centre-half role for the Victorian champions.

TARQUINO Fausto—JUVENTUS. A clever full-back who has just been picked for the National Squad. Performed with distinction for the U.23 International Team in Indonesia.

OLINOWSKI Phil—POLONIA. A clever full-back who is fast making a name for himself.

KRIARIS Jim—J.U.S.T. Born on the Greek island of Limnos, Jimmy is the strong man in the J.U.S.T. defence.

Mid-Fielders

GARDINER John—GEORGE CROSS. Dundee born, John is the brains of the George Cross goal-scoring machine and won the Rothman's Gold Medal in both 1971 and 1972.

GADSBY Steve—HAKOAH. Talented Steve won an England Youth International cap before coming to Australia.

MICEVSKI Mike—HAKOAH. Mike had a meteoric rise to fame, coming from Metro club Altona in 1973 to win an U.23 cap in Indonesia in 1974.

HOWIE John—SLAVIA. Hard-tackling John starred against Bristol Rovers.

DOSEN Anton—HAKOAH. Clever and fast.

GORRIE Dave—JUVENTUS. Talented mid-fielder from England.

POLISH SOCCER

CKW Legia, Warsaw, is one of the most exciting teams to visit Australia in recent years, all the more so since the side contains three players, Deyna, Gadocha and Cmikiewicz, who played in the Poland team that finished third in the recent World Cup.

Kazi Deyna, the Polish captain, who also leads Legia, was voted, along with Beckenbauer and Cruyff, as the best player in the World Cup, and not far behind him is the speedy winger Robert Gadocha, who plays in the now oldfashioned mould of Gento of Real Madrid fame.

In addition England supporters in particular, will want to see Piotr Mowlik, the goalkeeper who has now supplanted Tomaszewski in the national team, for it was the latter who, more than any other player, prevented England from qualifying for the World Cup Final, that fateful night at Wembley.

This team will play fast attacking football with orthodox wingers, and it should be a refreshing sight. Also we have been assured that they will want to win, an attitude which again will be attractive, since so many touring sides have come out merely for a holiday.

Victoria has a good record against touring teams, with wins over a Wales Eleven, Wolves and Bristol Rovers, and a creditable performance against Ferencvaros, whom they led at one time 2—0 before going down 4—2.

In its fifty-eight years of existence the Legia Club has been Polish Champion four times and has won the Polish Cup five times. Its proudest moment was in 1970 when as reigning Polish champion, it went down in the second leg of the European Cup to eventual winner Feyenoord of Holland.

After Melbourne, the team will go on to play in Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

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LEGIA *(from left to right):* Deyna (Captain), Mowlik, Nowak, Cypka, Bialas, Niedziolka, Tuminski, Topolski, Dabrowski, Gadocha, Cmikiewicz

VICTORIA *(Back row):* A. Merrills (Trainer), Gardiner, Kastner, Olinowski, Walker, Bannon P., Dosen, Gadsby, McCombe, Buljevic, G. Boggi (Coach)
(Front row): Tarquino, Pye, Milisavjevic, Kriaris, Savage, Micevski, Williamson, W. Curran (Asst. Coach)

Referee: S. Mellings
Reserve Referee: T. Venables

Linesmen: A. Beazleigh
N. Karlich

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